<u>Petition</u>

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

This Petition of the Griffith Branch Of Combined Pensioners & Superannuants Association of N.S.W.

Draws to the attention of The House the threat being faced by the Murrumbidgee

Irrigation Area from changes that will be proposed by the Murray -Valley-Basin

and following recommendations already published by the Wentworth Group, that water supplies be cut by up to 65%

We therefore ask the House to reject any recommendation to cut the supply of water to the MIA, in view of the fact it would be the death of the MIA Food bowl

and result in the loss of businesses, value added businesses, jobs, medical facilities and the supply of foodstuff to the state and nation.

We ask also that The House remember the primary purpose of the construction of the dams in the head waters was to guarantee supply of waters to these areas,and the loss will effect Griffith, Leeton,Yenda, Hanwood, Yanco, Tharbogan and

the surrounding district which compose the whole of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area.